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To All Interested Parties:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A STATEWIDE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REGULATIONS

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will be the lead agency for preparation of a statewide program environmental impact report (EIR) for statewide regulations addressing on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) as described in this Notice of Preparation (NOP) and the attached initial study (IS). One of the principal goals of this NOP and the accompanying IS is to inform agencies and the public about issues related to the project and request information on the scope and content of the program EIR. The preliminary project description, description of alternatives, and preliminary list of environmental issues to be addressed in the draft EIR are contained in the accompanying IS. This NOP and the accompanying IS may also be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's home page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ab885>. We encourage recipients of this notice to inform others who may have an interest or responsibility regarding OWTS that this NOP is available for review.

The SWRCB staff has made a preliminary determination that the following issues are of concern and should be addressed in the program EIR:

- ▶ Hydrology (including groundwater and surface water hydrology)
- ▶ Geology and soils
- ▶ Water quality
- ▶ Public health
- ▶ Biology (focusing on biological resources associated with aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitats)
- ▶ Utilities and service systems
- ▶ Growth inducement (including the proposed project's potential to induce or restrict growth)
- ▶ Cumulative impacts (focusing on how the proposed project may contribute to cumulative impacts along with past, existing or reasonably foreseeable related actions by others)

This NOP and the accompanying IS are being circulated for a 60-day public review period. Because of time limits mandated by state law, agency responses should be submitted as soon as possible and must be received no later than August 8, 2005.

Please send comments concerning the scope or content of the program EIR to:

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Please identify a contact person who would be available to answer any questions regarding your comments.

Public scoping meetings to solicit additional public input have been scheduled at the following locations and times:

City	Place	Address	Date	Time
Riverside	Art Pick Council Chamber	3900 Main Street	Thursday, July 14	7 p.m.
Santa Rosa	North Coast Regional Water Board Hearing Room	5550 Skyline Boulevard, Suite A	Monday, July 18	7 p.m.
Malibu	Council Chambers	City Hall 23815 Stuart Ranch Rd.	Tuesday, July 19	7 p.m.
Sacramento	Coastal Hearing Room, 2 nd floor, Cal-EPA Building	1001 I Street	Wednesday, July 20	7 p.m.
Redding	City of Redding Community Room	777 Cypress Avenue	Thursday, July 21	7 p.m.

Those persons wishing to participate further in the CEQA process or learn more about the agenda for each of the proposed meetings can contact Todd Thompson at 916-341-5518.

Sincerely,

Stan Martinson
Chief, Division of Water Quality

Enclosure